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CITY HALL

Regulations headed for hearing despite federal rebuke

The City of Vancouver is ignoring reprimands from the federal government and moving forward with plans to regulate the deluge of marijuana-related businesses within its limits.

Council voted Tuesday to send proposed rules for the city's 85 pot shops to a public hearing despite rebukes from federal Health Minister Rona Ambrose, who wrote Mayor Gregor Robertson a letter reminding him dispensaries and marijuana are illegal.

If the regulations pass the public hearing, Vancouver would become the country's first city to pull pot shops into a legal framework.

City manager Penny Ballem argued in a presentation to council that the city has a legal right to regulate land use and how a business operates, even if that business is in legal limbo.

"We need to bring this into the best framework possible under the circumstances," she said.

There are too many pot shops operating to continue overlooking them, Ballem said, adding it's not fair for other businesses that they don't have to follow the rules.

The rules are strict — they include a three-step process to obtain a licence, a $30,000 fee and stipulations that would force the majority of shops to relocate or close. But it's not yet clear how easy they would be to enforce.

The city wants to find a balance between providing access to patients who need marijuana for their well-being — Ballem, a doctor, cited cannabis as a helpful substance to alleviate pain for those with cancer, HIV or more serious addictions — and public safety issues such as organized crime and selling marijuana to minors.

Vancouver Coastal Health Dr. Patricia Daly supports the regulations. She agrees with the federal government's concerns of marijuana use among youth, but much like the Insite case, she disagrees with Ottawa about how to reduce the harm of drug use.

"We know that trying to shut these places down will just drive distribution of marijuana back into the illegal market," Daly told reporters after the meeting.

"The best way to reduce harms is to actually legalize the substance and strictly regulate it."

Daly said the federal government should acknowledge dispensaries that exist because of problems with its program for people to access medical marijuana.

Supt. Mike Porteous said Vancouver police do enforce laws against dispensaries, but they're not a priority unless there are aggravating factors such as selling to children or organized crime.

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Photog in Ryan Reynolds harassment case gets bail

COURT

Actor was allegedly hit with vehicle in hotel lot

A Vancouver-area celebrity photographer accused of striking Ryan Reynolds with a car has been ordered by a judge to keep clear of the actor as he continues filming his latest movie.

Richard Fedyck, 52, made his first court appearance Tuesday on serious new charges for alleged criminal harassment of Reynolds over a six-week period before the confrontation in a hotel parkade.

After a joint submission by his defence lawyer and the Crown, Fedyck was released on conditions. Details cannot be released because of a mandatory publication ban.

Provincial court Judge Maria Giardini interrupted the Crown lawyer as she launched into a basic outline of the case.

"I know who Ryan Reynolds is," Giardini said with a chuckle.

Fedyck stood with his hands in the pockets of his dark suit during the brief appearance. His lawyer Jonathan Waddington refused to comment.

The paparazzo was arrested two days after Reynolds was allegedly struck in the secure parking lot of the Shangri-La Hotel at about 7 p.m. on April 10.

Court documents show Fedyck is charged with criminal harassment, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and assault with a weapon — his car.

The indictment says Fedyck is accused of causing Reynolds to "reasonably fear for his safety" from Feb. 28 to April 11.

He has denied hitting the Vancouver-born actor, calling the accusation "100-per-cent false."

Giardini agreed to the photographer's release on his own recognizance and $1,000 bail.

Fedyck's conditions include not contacting Reynolds or his wife, daughter or mother. He must avoid movie shoots, studios or residences where the actor may be and is banned from taking photos of him or his family.

The conditions, which also stipulate Fedyck can't enter Vancouver except for court hearings, are in place until June 5, the judge ordered.

Fedyck's next appearance is scheduled for May 5.

Vancouver police had initially recommended an intimidation charge against Fedyck after he was arrested on April 12.

"The evidence-gathering doesn't stop there," Const. Brian Montague said in an interview.

He said the file was reviewed by investigators within its domestic violence and criminal harassment unit after being handled by patrol officers.

Police have said Reynolds suffered a sore knee and back after allegedly being struck by a vehicle. But he was back on the set filming his new movie Deadpool the next day.

Fedyck has butted heads with celebrities before. He filed a lawsuit claiming verbal and physical assault by Pamela Anderson and Denise Richards during a film shoot in Richmond in 2007. The suit was later dropped.

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Photographer Richard Fedyck, centre, leaves provincial court after making an appearance before a judge on charges of alleged criminal harassment of actor Ryan Reynolds, in Vancouver on Tuesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds sits for a portrait in New York on Feb. 26. VICTORIA WILL/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILDLIFE

Black bear caught, relocated

Officers were out in force and guns were drawn after a predawn chase through suburban southeast Vancouver early Tuesday morning, but it wasn't a police incident.

B.C. Conservation Service officers cornered and tranquilized a black bear at about 8 a.m. following a four-hour chase in the area of 49th Avenue and Tyne Street.

The bear was male and described as "mature," said conservation service Insp. Chris Doyle.

"The only accurate way of determining age is to pull the bear's tooth and have it analyzed," Doyle said. "That wouldn't be a happy bear when it woke up."

The bear was transported to an undisclosed location in the Lower Mainland and released, Doyle said.

The incident began at 4 a.m. when the Vancouver Police Department started receiving calls about a black bear wandering near Kingsway in South Vancouver.

Conservation officers were alerted and started chasing the animal. The bear moved quickly, crossing 45th Avenue at Victoria before it was finally taken down at 49th Avenue and Tyne Street.

The bear likely swam across the Fraser River or wandered in from Burnaby, Doyle said, adding that it was unique to have one reported so far into South Vancouver.

"There's not a history of conflict with bears there and there's no real habitat for them there, so this one is unusual," Doyle said.

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Park board approves zip line

COMMUNITY

Green party commissioner says process was rushed

Two women ride the zip line over Robson Square in downtown Vancouver in 2010. The zip line was set up temporarily and was free to the public during the Olympics. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A Green party commissioner is accusing the Vancouver park board of rushing approval of a temporary zip line in Queen Elizabeth Park this summer without properly consulting nearby residents and businesses that operate in the park.

The park board voted in favour Monday of a proposal to install the temporary zip line in Queen Elizabeth Park to help celebrate the park's 75th anniversary. Local company Greenheart International approached the park board with the idea and will pay for the entire project, which will operate from May to September.

According to a staff report, the 190-metre-long zip line will run from a launch tower built on the west side of Bloedel Conservatory and travel over the quarry garden before landing on the southwest side of the garden.

But the Green party's Stuart Mackinnon, one of two commissioners who voted against the motion, said he is concerned that residents and businesses that use the park weren't adequately informed of the proposal before it was approved.

"One of the questions I asked last night was, 'Had the wedding industry been consulted on this?' And they had not," Mackinnon told Metro.

"The zip line goes right across the quarry, and in summertime many, many people use that area for wedding photos and family photos. To have people streaking across the sky above them doesn't fit with that."

With only two people speaking out against the zip line at Monday's park-board meeting, Mackinnon wondered whether it may have been "overshadowed" by the board's controversial motion to possibly tear down the Mount Pleasant skateboard park, also up for debate Monday.

The motion was deferred but still drew a large crowd.

Allan Burnett, owner of the Chapel Group, which has a contract with the city and offers wedding ceremonies at Queen Elizabeth Park, was surprised to hear the zip line had been approved Monday.

Burnett, who had only seen news reports about the zip line, said he wasn't aware the proposal would be up for debate already.

"It seems to me that it would be good to let contractors and operators in the park know when things like that are happening because obviously we are going to be affected by it one way or another," he said.

As for whether a zip line could be a disturbance to weddings at Queen Elizabeth Park, Burnett said he isn't overly concerned. Burnett said he supports any attraction that can help draw people to the park, regardless of how the increased visitor traffic might affect his business.

"I always tell people the plaza area on a sunny summer day in July or August is like opening day at PNE," he said. "But I appreciate the fact that it's being done on a trial basis, so at least then we can revisit it if it does seem to become an issue."

Still, commissioner Mackinnon said he doesn't believe a zip line is an appropriate fit with Queen Elizabeth Park's aesthetic.

"Most people see (the park) as a tranquil place of peace in the middle of the city," he said. "An amusement-park-type ride just doesn't fit."

Although it has been approved as a pilot project, Mackinnon said he is also concerned it could become a permanent fixture if it generates significant revenue for the city. The city will get a share of the profits if the zip line generates more than $75,000 in revenue.

But NPA board chair John Coupar emphasized the zip line is temporary and will only be in place this summer.

"This is a temporary installation, and it's the 75th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth Park, so we wanted to try and do something that was a little bit different and a little bit fun.... We'll see how it goes. If it doesn't work out, it won't happen again. It is, after all, a test," he said.

If there is public demand for the zip line to return next summer, Coupar said the parks department would issue a request for proposals. Coupar said Monday's park meeting was well publicized and that staff followed the process completely to ensure the public was aware of the meeting. He said he doesn't expect the zip line to affect weddings as the chapel is located on the opposite side of the park. If anything, Coupar said he hopes to see wedding parties going down the zip line and posing for photos.

"You're always going to get people who are negative about things," he said. "But I've had a lot of really positive feedback. People think it's going to be a lot of fun."

Stuart Mackinnon, park board commissioner who represents the Green Party of Vancouver COURTESY GREEN PARTY OF VANCOUVER

"I'm saddened by the vote because it shows the continuing commercialization of our park spaces .... An amusement-park-type ride just doesn't fit.

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John Coupar, park board chair who represents the Non-Partisan Association EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

Allan Burnett, owner of the Chapel Group, which operates weddings in Queen Elizabeth Park COURTESY KEVIN CLARK STUDIOS

"...It would be good to let contractors and operators in the park know when things like that are happening because obviously we are going to be affected by it one way or another.

City's oldest weed dispensary is in favour of pot shop regulation

PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Non-profit vows to continue fighting for patient rights

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The oldest medical marijuana dispensary in Vancouver supports the city's move toward regulating pot shops even though it could lose its home on Commercial Drive under the proposed rules.

The non-profit B.C. Compassion Club Society, which has operated outside of the law since 1997, is across the street from a private school and would be required to relocate under the rules that call for a 300-metre buffer zone away from schools.

Yet the society's Jamie Shaw said at City Hall on Tuesday that the club would be happy to jump through the new hoops in its ongoing fight for patients' rights and legitimacy. "There's not too much overregulation, hopefully it will stay that way," Shaw said.

Jamie Shaw of the BC Compassion Club Society at the medical cannabis dispensary in 2012. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

While the society sees flaws with the proposed rules — it really hopes the city won't uproot it since it was there before the private school, which moved to the neighbourhood in 2005 — they're a "fantastic first step," said Shaw, who is also the president of the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries.

The society looks forward to the public hearing where it hopes the city will exempt it from moving should it pass the regulations, although city manager Penny Ballem indicated the city didn't want to budge from the 300-metre distance from schools. Relocation would pose challenges for patients in the neighbourhood that rely on the club.

The other issue for the non-profit is the proposed $30,000 licensing fee. The steep price would force the compassion club to cut back on staffing or services, Shaw said. But she added the more mainstream dispensaries become, the less money the society will have to spend to lobby for legalization.

Based on Coun. Kerry Jang's questions during Ballem's presentation to council, Shaw is hopeful the city might consider different pricing for non-profit and for-profit dispensaries.

COUNCIL MEETING

Yea or nay for proposed regulations on marijuana-related businesses?

Metro asked citizens who attended Tuesday's council meeting what they think of the proposed regulations for marijuana-related businesses.

YEA

Dwight Villeneuve, a member of the B.C. Compassion Club Society since 1999, uses medical marijuana to help ease his pain from HIV/AIDS and is supportive of the city's proposed regulations.

"I'm in agony when I get up in the morning so I need the medication to carry me through," he said. He goes to the dispensary to get the cannabis instead of ordering it online where he has to wait a few days.

Dwight Villeneuve. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

"It needs to step into the legal framework — completely legal. This is just a small step ... I think that's good."

NAY

Activist Neil Magnuson of the United Cannabis Activist Network isn't thrilled by the extent of the regulations recommended by the city.

"The licensing fee is outrageous," he said, adding he also doesn't support the proposed restrictions on distance from schools, the 300-metre distance from other marijuana-related businesses, the ban on edibles and a criminal record check.

Magnuson advocates for completely ending cannabis prohibition and believes the federal government needs to "wake up" and do so. While he recognizes the city has to do something about the explosion of pot shops, he wants it to back off on those five points to appease the activists.

"They're in for a whole can of worms here."

NAY

Green Penguin Delights Inc. produces edible marijuana products that include extensive labels with information on all ingredients and potency.

Brina Levitt EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Company owners Andrew Muir and Brina Levitt don't support the city's plan to ban edibles from dispensaries, and would be more than happy to be regulated and pay a licensing fee instead.

"When I suffer from back pain, the last thing I want to do is stand up in the kitchen and prepare something for myself... I think it's not fair to ask patients to do that for themselves," Levitt said.

They want to see regulations on food safety and labeling for edibles — the products are very popular in Colorado — and are calling on the city to reconsider including an edibles ban in its proposed regulations.

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SHOOTINGS

Premier tells residents they are not alone in gang war

Premier Christy Clark hugs Jesse Sahota in Surrey on Tuesday. Sahota, a graduate of the Surrey Wraparound Program, joined the premier to announce the government's $270,000 in funding for a program to help Surrey youth to get away from gang life. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The government of British Columbia stands with you in making sure we do everything we can to combat this threat.
Premier Christy Clark

While RCMP were investigating another shooting Tuesday, British Columbia Premier Christy Clark was just blocks away trying to reassure residents of Surrey that everything possible was being done to fight an escalating gang war.

Clark told reporters in Surrey City Hall the gang violence is an example of how the actions of a few can rob everyone of a sense of safety and security.

Tuesday's gunfire brings the number of shooting incidents since the beginning of March to almost two dozen in Surrey and nearby Delta. One man has been killed and others have been injured.

Police say many of the shootings are the result of a dispute between two groups of South Asian and Somalian descent over the low-level drug trade.

Clark said authorities are working hard so residents feel safe and secure.

"I want the people of Surrey to know that this city is not alone. The government of British Columbia stands with you in making sure we do everything we can to combat this threat."

While the problem won't be solved overnight, the premier said a comprehensive approach will address the root cause of these crimes.

She announced more funding for an overburdened anti-gang initiative called Wraparound.

The school-based program that tries to prevent children from going into gangs will get one-time funding of $270,000, and Clark encouraged the federal government to match the funds to wipe out the current wait-list of 40 children.

"Our goal is a violence-free B.C. and that means making sure that young people aren't going into gangs," she said. "There are two outcomes for kids who join gangs, there are only two: one is a jail cell and one is a grave."

NDP Justice critic Mike Farnworth criticized Clark's funding plan, saying she's allowing 20 at-risk Surrey youths to join gangs and face early deaths.

"What's particularly concerning, and in fact disturbing about the announcement is the premier admits that there are 40 kids on the wait-list for this program," said Farnworth at the legislature.

"Forty kids who are on a path to a gang lifestyle that tragically could end up, where they end up dead."

Surrey Mounties have said those involved in the dispute aren't talking. Police even took the unusual move of publicizing photos of those injured, asking for public help in solving the crimes.

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TERRORISM

Trial gets first look at pressure cookers

240
The arrests were the result of a months-long RCMP sting operation that involved more than 240 officers.

A B.C. Supreme Court jury has had a firsthand look inside the pressure cookers that were allegedly turned into bombs and left to detonate outside the provincial legislature.

A sheriff carrying the devices walked slowly along the jury bench on Tuesday while 14 grim-faced jury members peered inside the stainless steel containers, which were still lined with dozens of nails.

John Nuttall and Amanda Korody are on trial for allegedly plotting to set off three homemade explosives on the legislature grounds in Victoria on Canada Day 2013.

On Monday, the trial was shown videos taken by police and CCTV cameras of the pair stashing bags allegedly containing the pressure-cooker bombs in flower planters on either side of the legislature building.

The videos show Nuttall and Korody, both hooded and wearing dark clothing and black gloves, walk separately onto the legislature grounds to hide two packages under flower bushes decorating the building's east and west breezeways.

Police allowed trace amounts of C4 plastic explosive to be used in the bombs but ensured they were inert, the Crown has said.

Pictures show the base of the nail-lined interior rimmed with white, rectangular blocks of putty, into which a single metal cylinder spouting two insulated wires had been inserted.

A mixture of washers and nuts cover the containers' contents, with close-up photos revealing the metal shrapnel was held in place with a semi-transparent glue. The wires run to a clock stuffed inside each of the metal receptacles.

All but the nails had been removed from the pressure cookers when they were shown to the jury on Tuesday.

The Crown spent most of the afternoon admitting additional evidence, which, besides the pressure cookers, included items such as shopping lists, receipts, and a legislative tour guide brochure.

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IN BRIEF

New Westminster officer fired for alleged theft

The New Westminster police department fired one of its sworn officers for allegedly stealing money and property from the department.

Adam Spindor was terminated in March after eight years of service, Sgt. Chad Johnston wrote in a statement on Tuesday.

An internal investigation led to three charges against Spindor for theft of money and property and breach of trust.

METRO

Man charged after three found dead in Burns Lake

Three counts of second-degree murder have now been laid against a 54-year-old man from north-central British Columbia.

Police responded Monday morning to a call of foul play and found one woman and two men dead inside a residence in Burns Lake. Police believe the incident is isolated and that the public is not at risk.

Burns Lake is located about 1,000 kilometres north of Vancouver.

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Group plans vigil for Nepal

ART GALLERY

Candles will be provided, donations are encouraged

Wawmeesh G. Hamilton
For Metro | Vancouver

As Nepal digs out from a devastating earthquake, Vancouver's Nepalese community is holding a vigil to remember those killed in the quake.

The Nepalese Cultural Association of B.C. is hosting a candlelight vigil on the West Georgia Street side of the Vancouver Art Gallery on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"We want to raise local awareness about the victims of the earthquake in Nepal," said event organizer Hari Sharma. "It's important because a lot of Canadians were impacted by this event as well."

Candles will be provided, and donations are encouraged.

"We are donating all proceeds to the Red Cross relief efforts there," Sharma said.

On Saturday, an earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck Nepal between Kathmandu and the town of Pokhara.

According to the Nepalese government, the death toll has reached nearly 5,000 and could surpass 10,000 people. Around 8,000 people were injured, and thousands more were left homeless.

According to Sharma, more than 2,000 Nepalese live in B.C.

Sharma has lived in Surrey for more than two years. The married father of one has family in Nepal, including his parents and grandparents.

"They're all right but they have nowhere to live right now because their homes were damaged," he said.

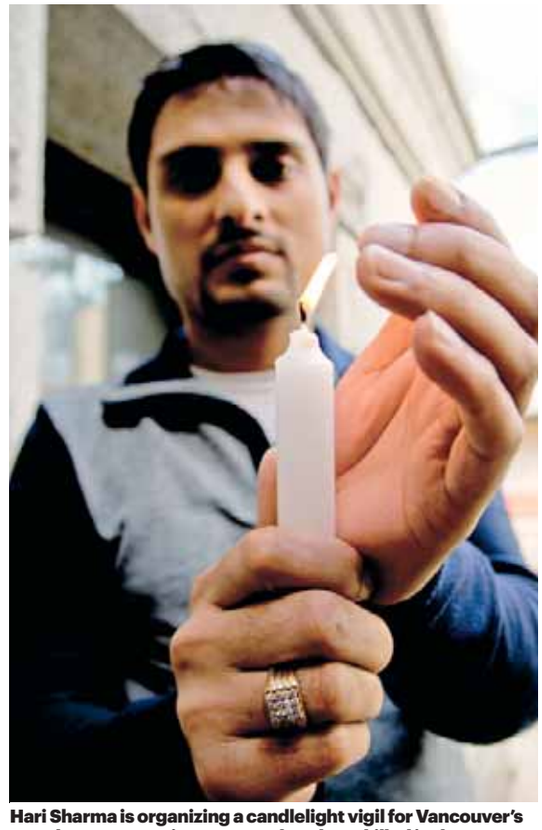
> **"They're all right but they have nowhere to live right now because their homes were damaged.**
> Event organizer Hari Sharma, on his family in Nepal

Sharma is expecting more than 200 people at the vigil.

More than 400 Canadians were registered as visiting Nepal at the time of the quake. But the number could be higher because registry is voluntary, Sharma said.

Nepal and B.C. have similar geographies, and a lot of Canadians visit Nepal every year.

"The country is near to Canadians' hearts, and the Nepalese people are dear to them, too," Sharma said.



Hari Sharma is organizing a candlelight vigil for Vancouver's Nepalese community to remember those killed in the earthquake. WAWMEESH G. HAMILTON/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Hearing begins over shooting death at school

A hearing is underway in the death of a 22-year-old who was shot beside a British Columbia elementary school.

Tyler Myers was killed in a schoolyard in Salmon Arm in 2008, and his body was discovered the following day. Four years later, a 20-year-old man and 21-year-old woman were arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

Neither can be named because both were youths at the time of Myers' death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

High-risk offender moving to Delta: Police

Police say a high-risk sex offender who has targeted children is moving to Delta.

Officers say 40-year-old James Conway has a criminal history including sexual assault and arson damaging property.

BC Corrections describes Conway as a predator who has maintained a pattern of sexual offences against young girls. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Charges laid in homeless deaths

WINNIPEG

Two men killed over weekend, another killed in early April

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg police have charged the man that they initially identified as a person of interest in the deaths of two homeless men in the downtown area last weekend, as well as that of a third man found beaten to death in a bus shack earlier in April.

But Winnipeg Police Service Superintendent Danny Smyth stopped short of calling the man a serial killer Tuesday.

"I don't know if there's a definition for a serial killer," said Smyth after announcing the arrest in the cases that have left Winnipeg's homeless community on edge and garnered national media attention. "But certainly three murders is significant."

John Paul Ostamas, 40, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of second-degree murder Monday.

Police allege Ostamas attacked and killed Donald Collins, 65, in downtown Winnipeg Friday night, and then killed 48-year-old Stony Bushie after the two met several hours later at a parkade near the same corner.

The second-degree murder charges are connected to the death of Myles Monias, 37, who was found beaten to death in a bus shelter downtown April 10.

Smyth said Ostamas, who is originally from the Thunder Bay, Ont. area and has lived in and out of Winnipeg for the last decade, is "very transient" and knew both men he's accused of killing last weekend, but couldn't say what motivated the attacks.

Police believe the earlier killing was random.

Lisa Goss, executive director of Winnipeg's Main Street Project, which runs an emergency drop-in shelter, was grateful for the arrest, but said the homeless are always at a higher risk than the general population.

"The reality is they're prepared for this every day," she told media. "It's a different way of life when you don't have the securities that you and I do."

INVESTIGATION

Smyth said it's too early to say whether Ostamas is involved in any other unsolved crimes in Winnipeg and said investigators will be contacting police in other cities to look at possible links to unsolved crimes elsewhere.

COURT DEL MASTRO SAYS HE'S PAID 'EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY PRICE' Former Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro leaves court on Tuesday at his sentencing hearing in Lindsay, Ont. Del Mastro choked back tears as he described the "nationwide condemnation" he's had to endure. Crown prosecutors are seeking a sentence of nine to 12 months in jail. But Del Mastro addressed the Crown's stance in his appeal to the judge. "They have failed to acknowledge the exceptionally heavy price that I have already had to pay," he said. The former Conservative MP was found guilty last fall of violating the Canada Elections Act. Del Mastro's sentence is expected to be delivered on June 26. RED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Guilty plea in burning of Saskatchewan woman

A man accused of attacking a homeless woman and setting her on fire in northern Saskatchewan has pleaded guilty to attempted murder.

Leslie Black, 29, entered the plea Tuesday in a Prince Albert courtroom.

Marlene Bird was found badly burned in a parking lot outside a community centre in the city's downtown on June 1, 2014.

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Body found is that of missing sex worker

Eleven years after Delores Dawn Brower was last seen hitching a ride on 118 Avenue in Edmonton, RCMP confirmed Tuesday that the remains found south of the city are hers.

Edmonton's medical examiner was able to identify the 33-year-old woman, who worked in the city's sex trade when she disappeared, through dental records. On April 19, a property owner found parts of Brower's skull just east of Leduc, Alta. near the Rolly View community.

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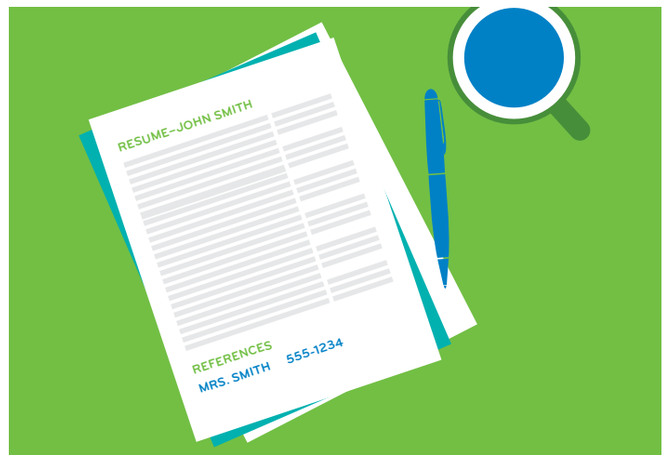

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3 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

As always, the spring report of Canada's auditor general, Michael Ferguson, takes issue with many areas of federal responsibility — from health care in First Nations communities, to oversight tax credits. Here are three findings from the report, which was released on Tuesday.

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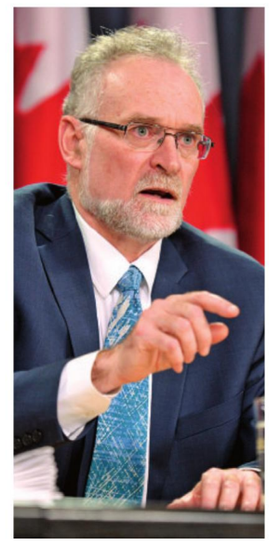
1 First Nations health

Health Canada can't say for sure that all eligible First Nations individuals in remote communities in Manitoba and Ontario can access sufficient clinical and client care services and medical transportation, the report says. Only one of 45 randomly chosen nurses in the First Nations communities had completed all five of Health Canada's mandatory training courses. Not all nursing stations in the communities meet health and safety requirements or building codes. In one case, a nursing station residence had been unusable for more than two years because of a broken septic system.

2 Drug-resistant infections

The report says the Public Health Agency of Canada has failed to mobilize its federal, provincial and territorial counterparts in developing a national strategy to deal with so-called anti-microbial resistance. Ferguson's audit found that the agency collects only limited information on drug-resistant infections at clinics and long-term care facilities, and lacks details about the extent of the problem in remote areas and among vulnerable members of the population.



3 Missing cost projections

Finance Department reports do not include future cost projections on a wide suite of tax benefits that MPs ought to be able to take into account when they debate budgets and public spending, according to the report by Ferguson, seen at left. The auditor says overall projections are available for measures such as the children's fitness tax credit, the first-time home buyers credit and the age credit, but that is not the same as tracking the actual amount of dollars being lost.

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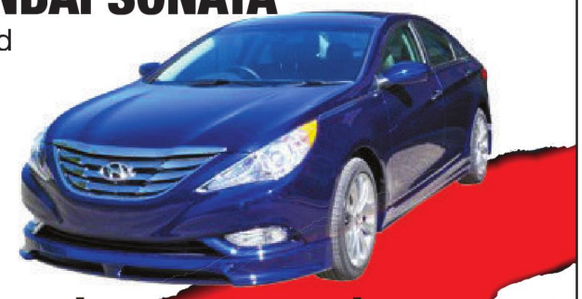

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Police enforce a 10 p.m. curfew that went into effect in the wake of Monday's riots following the funeral for Freddie Gray, Tuesday in Baltimore. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A protester throws a tear gas canister back toward riot police after a 10 p.m. curfew went into effect.
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Police clash with protesters

BALTIMORE

Violence set off by death of Freddie Gray

A line of police behind riot shields hurled smoke canisters and fired pepper balls at as many as 200 protesters Tuesday night to enforce a citywide curfew, imposed after the worst outbreak of rioting in Baltimore since 1968.

Demonstrators threw bottles at police, and picked up the smoke grenades and hurled them back at officers. No immediate arrests or serious injuries were reported.

The clash came after a day of high tension but relative peace in Baltimore, as thousands of police officers and National Guardsmen poured into the city to prevent another round of rioting like the one that rocked the city on Monday.

It was the first time since the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 that the National Guard was called out in Baltimore to prevent civil unrest.

Maryland's governor said 2,000 Guardsmen and 1,000 law officers would be in place overnight.

"This combined force will not tolerate violence or looting," Gov. Larry Hogan warned.

The racially charged violence on Monday was set off by the case of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who died of a spinal-cord injury under mysterious circumstances while in police custody.

ARRESTS

Baltimore Police Commissioner Anthony Batts says a citywide curfew seems to be working.

Batts told a news conference shortly before midnight Tuesday that only 10 people had been arrested after the 10 p.m. curfew, including seven for violating the curfew. He said two people were arrested for looting and one for disorderly conduct.

In a measure of how tense things were, Baltimore was under a citywide 10 p.m.-to-5 a.m. emergency curfew.

All public schools were closed. And the Baltimore Orioles cancelled Tuesday night's game at Camden Yards and — in what may be a first in baseball's 145-year history — announced that Wednesday's game will be closed to the public.

The streets were largely calm all day and into the evening, with only a few scattered arrests.

The real test was expected after dark.

As the 10 p.m. curfew went into effect, several hundred protesters remained in the street in the city's Penn North section near where a pharmacy was looted.

Standing shoulder to shoulder, police in helmets and riot shields began advancing toward the demonstrators in an effort to push them back. Some protesters lay in the street or hurled bottles toward the police.

As the hour drew near, a local pastor used a loudspeaker to urge the demonstrators to go home, saying: "Let's show the world, because the eyes of the world are on Baltimore right now."

Around the same time and in a different neighbourhood, Baltimore police tweeted that they were making arrests in South Baltimore after people started attacking officers with rocks and bricks.

At least one officer was reported injured.

Monday's looting, arson and rock- and bottle-throwing by mostly black rioters broke out just hours after Gray's funeral

Political leaders and residents called the violence a tragedy for the city and lamented the damage done by the rioters to their own neighbourhoods.

But the rioting also brought out a sense of civic pride and responsibility in many Baltimore residents, with hundreds of volunteers turning out to sweep the streets of glass and other debris with brooms and trash bags donated by hardware stores.

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China beats France in vineyard space

China now boasts more land dedicated to winemaking vineyards than France, as it tries to satisfy a rapid rise in local demand.

China's vineyards grew to 800,000 hectares last year, putting it behind No. 1 grower Spain but ahead of France.

Because its production is less effective than more established winemaking countries, China's output is only the seventh-biggest, according to figures released Monday by the Paris-based International Organization of Vine and Wine.

France took over the title of top producer from Italy last year, with 46.7 million hectolitres, or 6.2 billion bottles. EU countries have intentionally reduced vineyards in recent years to make them more efficient and improve quality.

By contrast, China's harvest is expected to yield 11.2 million hectolitres. The bulk of that is destined for consumers in China, whose 1.4 billion people knocked back 15.8 million hectolitres (2.1 billion bottles) of wine last year.

The taste for wine has grown rapidly in China over the past 15 years, more than local production can keep up with. Added to the status carried by foreign wines, China has become the world's sixth-largest wine importer, on par with Russia.

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Workers collect red grapes in the vineyards of the famed Chateau Haut Brion near Bordeaux, France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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The 15 finalists nominated for the World Video Game Hall of Fame, from left, Pac-Man, Space Invaders, Sonic the Hedgehog, Minecraft, the Sims, Super Mario Bros., Doom, top, World of Warcraft, centre, Pokemon series, bottom, the Legend of Zelda, the Oregon Trail, Tetris, FIFA soccer, Angry Birds, Pong. BETHANY MOSHER-THE STRONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

15 video games make Hall of Fame shortlist

THE STRONG MUSEUM

Finalists include Pong, Angry Birds, Minecraft

Fifteen video games that have engrossed gamers for untold hours were named finalists Tuesday for the new World Video Game Hall of Fame.

The list includes arcade trailblazers Pong and Space Invaders, smartphone favourites Angry Birds and Minecraft and an array of others for console and computer.

Only a handful will make up the hall of fame's inaugural class, to be chosen by an international selection committee of journalists, scholars and other video game experts.

The induction ceremony is scheduled for June 4 inside The Strong museum in Rochester, N.Y., which also houses the National Toy Hall of Fame.

"The 15 finalists for the World Video Game Hall of Fame span decades, gaming platforms and geographies," said Jon-Paul Dyson, director of the museum's International Center for the History of Electronic Games. "Whether it's the groundbreaking game Pong or a more recent viral sensation like Minecraft, all of these games have helped shape the way that people across the globe play and relate to one another."

To make it into the hall of fame, games must have icon status, prove to be more than a passing fad and leave a mark on other games or forms of entertainment, pop culture or society in general.

The Strong said it received thousands of nominations since February, when it announced creation of the video game hall to recognize the impact of electronic games through the years. Anyone can nominate a game online.

The museum's electronic games centre has more than 55,000 video games and related artifacts, along with personal papers and corporate records that document the history of video games.

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TOP 15

The finalists are:
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Are community mailboxes good for community?

NO: They'll destroy the fabric of our great country

Boxes are not always installed with municipal approval or co-ordination (which prompted a court challenge this week from the City of Hamilton against Canada Post). A big, ugly metal superbox on or near your home can lower property values. Canada Post's refusal to add recycling bins will inevitably lead to more litter as not everyone will bother to lug home their junk mail. As our already brutal winters become increasingly more freakish, walking or driving to get essential documents will become dangerous or impossible for many. The keys don't always work. And for those with mobility issues, we wish you luck as you navigate the bureaucratic rigamarole of proving you deserve special dispensation for home delivery once a week.

YES: But only if we use imagination and planning...

The visionary view is that random encounters — and increased interactions as people gather to collect their mail — could improve quality of life for many. But this happy scenario will require more than just dumping a metal box on the edge of a lonely road. Imagine if beautifully designed mailboxes were incorporated into a local café or community centre — a destination you could walk or drive to with a friend, where you could have a cuppa and gossip about the day's news, check out community events on a notice board, or cruise the Internet. Early humankind gathered around a communal fire not just for warmth, but for much-needed human contact. Wouldn't it be wonderful if community mailboxes could resurrect that kind of ritual?

Satire fails, if it serves only the privileged

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Mouallem

I never thought I'd hold the PEN American Center's Freedom of Expression Courage awards and Adam Sandler in the same thought. But events this week brought their worlds closer together after both were boycotted over racial stereotyping.

The PEN honoree, Charlie Hebdo magazine, mocked underprivileged minorities, according to six esteemed authors boycotting the ceremony. Sandler's in-production movie, The Ridiculous 6, flagrantly dismissed the advice of its Native American cultural consultants and extras until they walked off the set.

Satire isn't supposed to be sacred, which is the very thing that makes it sacred. It shows deference to no one. But it can also cross a line and become a way for the empowered to bully the disempowered.

In recent years, similar criticisms have been thrown at 2 Broke Girls' asexual Asian workhorse tropes, The New Yorker's "fist bump" cover featuring a turbanned Obama with wife Michelle as a gun-toting revolutionary, and Tina Fey's new comedy Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt — for, among other things, a weird subplot featuring Polish-American actor Jane Krakowski's character as Native American.

Some of these criticisms are valid, others misconstrued. Together they indicate growing empathy for oppressed groups. But does the frequency of these criticisms mean audiences are becoming more sophisticated, or oversensitive?

Certainly it's become much harder to get away with casual racism since the 1990s, when Sandler teased gays, Asians, women and his own Jewish clan with equal opportunity. But there's something deeply disturbing about The Ridiculous 6. One scene shows an indigenous woman falling down drunk before being roused by white men pouring liquor on her.

Are audiences becoming more sophisticated? Or oversensitive?

Netflix, producers of The Ridiculous 6, defended Sandler: "It is a broad satire of Western movies and the stereotypes they popularized, featuring a diverse cast that is not only part of — but in on — the joke." Call me skeptical but, when actors from a group that, according to one study, gets an average of 196.5 seconds of screen time per appearance, are involved, I doubt they were in on anything.

Growing up, I rarely saw an Arab depicted in comedy who wasn't a sex-crazed sheik, muted and submissive harem slave or violent radical. Even as a child I recognized it as cruel and hurtful. Charlie Hebdo has shown these portrayals are as prevalent and problematic as ever, but also that excessive sensitivity can be more damaging.

Satire isn't an exact science. That's why it's art. But even the lowest-brow art is best when it challenges the audience's expectations — if not for the sake of social commentary, then just because upending clichés makes for better entertainment. When comedy instead supports ridicule, it only serves the privileged.

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"Asking advertisers to stop exploiting our insecurities is naive"

Protein World just wanted to sell some diet pills.

Instead, the company has raised women's ire over a sexed-up ad campaign on the London Underground featuring a bikini-clad woman.

"The image features bold writing asking commuters 'Are you beach body ready?' when it might as well say 'Do you feel rubbish yet?'" wrote protester Tara Costello.

Women are defacing the ads. There's a "taking back the beach" rally planned and a petition to get the ads removed, which the transit authority is sidestepping since the ads are set to come down today.

Stop trying to make us feel bad, the protesters are demanding. Fat chance.

"That's what advertising does," said Jacqueline Lambiase, professor at Texas Christian University, who's been researching sex and women in the media for 25 years.

Advertising preys on our emotions, an idea, Lambiase noted, that goes back to Aristotle, and manipulates our insecurities, a tactic devised in the early 1900s to sell mouthwash and used ever since.

Asking advertisers to stop creating insecurities and exploiting existing ones is naive.

Even companies that seem to be selling an enlightened view of women — Always' #LikeAGirl Super Bowl ad and Dove's #choosebeautiful campaign — have one basic goal, and it's not boosting your female empowerment. It's getting your money.

"I'm pretty skeptical about those kinds of attempts," Lambiase told me. "Brands are only trying to sell themselves. They can't really do anything else in the world."

If you want to praise Dove's #choosebeautiful campaign (which has appeared in this newspaper and tells women: "Beautiful is a choice. One you make every single day"), praise it on the only measure it deserves: sales figures.

Yes, we should still fight the worst offenders, even when it raises their profile (as the backlash has for Protein World). It's well known that ads can negatively impact self-esteem and body image.

But, as Lambiase argued, we also need to boost our resilience against these messages through better media literacy, especially in an age of heightened sexualization, where what was considered pornography in the 1960s is now fair game for advertisers.

There is no healthy image of womanhood, or personhood, in an industry that only sees consumers. There are no allies in the advertising business, and you can't bully Victoria's Secret into doing anything less than making you feel incomplete without their bras.

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FOOD AND DRINK

Picking the right brew can take your meal to the next level

Bier Markt's Merchant Burger is paired with a Red Racer by Central City Brewing at their King Street location in Toronto. Beer expert Mirella Amato says British-style pale ales have a complexity of flavours that go really well with a burger. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Food lovers need not turn to wine and cocktails when they want to enjoy a meal.

Metro talked to Toronto-based brew specialist Mirella Amato and Elyse Carlucci of Blue Point Brewing Company in the U.S. about how to best pair beer with different dishes.

"I've come up with a two-step system that will yield a decent pairing. It might yield a delicious pairing, but it will certainly yield a solid one," said Amato.

The first step is intensity. Both Amato and Carlucci say you want to match the intensity of your beer with the intensity of the dish you intend to pair it with.

"If I have a light salad and I pair that with a really roasty, full-bodied, Russian imperial stout, I'm not going to be able to taste my salad," says Amato, author of Beerology: Everything You Need to Know to Enjoy Beer ... Even More, which includes a chapter on beer pairings.

"If I have a thick stew with vegetables and spices and meat and I pair that with a light lager, the flavour of the lager will be completely lost."

Amato says the second step is not in any of the literature she's read — it's more of an insider tip.

"Line up the colour intensity of your beer with the colour intensity of the main ingredient of your dish."

Carlucci says while you can do contrast pairings, they are difficult for novices to pull off.

She does, however, recommend contrast pairings for newbies in one situation: "If you're looking to cool down the heat in a really spicy dish, contrast it with wheat beers, like white styles or pilsners. That's the only time where a contrast for novices might be a good thing."

Here, Amato and Carlucci share some of their favourite pairings for different foods. A list of Canadian options provided by Amato is included at the end of each category.

Fish: Amato and Carlucci agree that wheat beers are a safe bet for most fish dishes.

"Belgian-style wheat beers have orange peel and coriander and that yields citrus flavours, which of course go great with fish," says Amato.

"There's also no bitterness, which can sometimes combine with an oilier fish to give a slightly unpleasant taste."

Examples:
• Mill Street's Belgian Wit (Ontario)
• Garrison's Nit Wit (Nova Scotia)
• Driftwood Brewery's White Bark (British Columbia)

Chicken or pork: "You can go with a more traditional lager style," says Carlucci of medium-bodied proteins.

"Stick with medium intensity beers that have more flavour, but not a lot of hops."

Amato takes it back to her colour principle.

"If you are looking to pair beer with chicken or white fish, you want to go with a gold to pale amber beer. If you're getting into salmon, pork, lentils, you want a deeper amber beer."

Examples:
• Golden lager, like Tree Brewing's Beach Blonde (British Columbia)
• Golden ale, like Boréale Blonde (Quebec)
• Kölsch-style ale, like Beau's Lug-Tread Lagered Ale (Ontario)
• Märzen, like Paddock Wood's Red Hammer (Saskatchewan)
• Bock, like Hoyne The Big Bock (British Columbia)
• American-style pale ale, like Great Lakes Canuck Pale Ale (Ontario)
• Saison, like Hopfenstark's Saison Station 16 (Quebec)

Classic burger: "I enjoy my burgers with either a British style pale ale or a British style brown ale. That brown colour lines up nicely with the meat. And of course, with burger, it's extremely rare that you're going to have it plain — there's a lot of flavours there and British-style ales have a complexity of flavours," says Amato.

Examples:
• Picaroons Best Bitter (New Brunswick).
• Central City Brewers Red Racer (British Columbia).
• Black Oak's Nut Brown Ale (Ontario)

Desserts: Pairing beer with desserts all depends on what you're serving.

"If you like more fruity desserts, there are some really good fruit lambics out there and that's a great style for someone who likes fruitier cocktails or has a sweeter palate," says Carlucci.

"There are a lot of great beers out there that have fruit undertones."

As for heavier desserts like a dark chocolate mousse, Amato says you can go two ways.

"A really intensely fruity fruit beer is delightful because then you get the chocolate and fruit thing."

She also recommends a Barley wine, "a really thick, chewy beer — it has got a roundness to it, which mirrors the mousse nicely, but it also has a higher alcohol content to cut through the richness."

Examples:
• Mill Street's Barley Wine (Ontario)
• Garrison Ol' Fog Burner (Nova Scotia)
• Central City Brewing's Thor's Hammer Barley Wine (British Columbia)
• Amsterdam's Framboise (Ontario).
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The Avengers reassemble

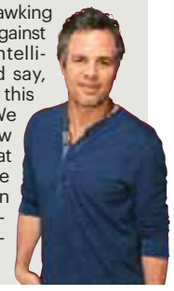
The cast of Age of Ultron battles out-of-control AI onscreen — and in real life they're not so sure about tech. Here the cast talks about what gadgets they embrace and what they fear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robert Downey Jr.

I feel you have to embrace it. You know, there's always that shadow play that goes on, particularly in entertainment where it just goes wild and takes over and all of that stuff. But look, it took over a while ago, metaphorically speaking, just by people who were just strung out on their iPhones.

Mark Ruffalo

You get into automated artificial intelligence weaponry, which is being developed now. ... Who knows where that's going to go but it's not an accident that as (Tesla CEO) Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking come out against artificial intelligence and say, 'Hey guys, this is scary. We should slow it down,' that this movie pops up in the collective subconscious.



Elizabeth Olsen

I can't advance with the times. My mother doesn't even know how to check her messages on her cellphone. So I'm my mother's daughter. My mom doesn't have email. I like technology for like, health improvement. I don't like technology for quicker information, faster.

Chris Hemsworth

I love robots. Especially if they can clean up around the house, change nappies and things like that. That's what I'm excited about. I want, like, talking robots, to tell them my problems and stuff like that. That will be a real plus for me.

Cobie Smulders

I still can't figure out how to use my phone. I'm just getting email. I'm just understanding that process. I feel like it's happening so rapidly and I just can't keep up with it.

Paul Bettany

(Technology) is a double-edged sword, isn't it? You can 3D-print an arm for a kid ... but also you can be cut off from your children. I sit with my children and play, and I hear my phone go 'beep.' And even if I don't go to it, I'm thinking (about it).

INTERVIEW

Paul Bettany is a futuristic Vision — but he can't hear you

Paul Bettany couldn't hear anything.

When the 43-year-old actor initially donned a noggin-encasing headpiece to portray the mysterious Vision in Avengers: Age of Ultron, in theatres Friday, Bettany could barely make out what anyone was saying around him. That isolation ended up fuelling his imposing performance in the followup to the 2012 smash that brought together Marvel's mightiest heroes.

"I would go to a place of real Zen, where I meditated on the line of thousands and thousands of actors that would love to be in my position in an uncomfortable suit," said Bettany in a recent interview at Disney Studios. "However, I would be lying to say it didn't take a great deal of (expletive) effort not to rip it off. They ended up drilling holes in it because I literally couldn't hear anything."

After five years of voicing Tony Stark's soothing operating system sidekick J.A.R.V.I.S. in the previous Avengers and Iron Man films, Bettany's role as the purple-skinned Vision marks the first time in front of the cameras in a Marvel film for the lanky British actor best known for starring in such films as Wimbledon, The Da Vinci Code and Priest.

"The first day I walked on set, Robert (Downey Jr.) made a lovely speech welcoming me," said Bettany. "Everybody was completely convivial and pleasant. They were making jokes — or at least I think they were making jokes because I couldn't hear a (expletive) thing. It's actually a really nice atmosphere on those sets. Often, it's not like that."

Bettany is portraying perhaps the best-kept secret of the second Avengers outing. In the comics, the commanding Vision is a type of android dubbed a "synthzoid" by Ultron, the nefarious robot that created him. The cinematic rendition is similarly fashioned by Ultron (played by James Spader as an evil artificial intelligence program).

However, this Vision might not be what he seems.

"He's an android, technically, but I would say he's what's next," said writer-director Joss Whedon.

"He's more evolved than the rest of us, which may prove to be a good thing or not. To me, this Vision feels like what it meant to me to read him as a kid. He has that calm distance but is also strangely emotional. Paul is just soooo phenomenal as him." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Bettany, who plays Vision in Avengers: Age of Ultron, could barely hear while wearing the costume's headpiece. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Anime series Dragon Ball to return in July

The ever popular Dragon Ball franchise is returning to television in July with its first anime series in 18 years, announced Japan's Toei Animation on Tuesday.

Produced with Fuji Television and penned by its original creator Akira Toriyama, Dragon Ball Super will follow the aftermath of Goku's fierce battle with Majin Buu. AFP

Harriet Tubman story adapted for small screen

Viola Davis will play HBO's Harriet Tubman, the activist who helped create the Underground Railroad that allowed hundreds of slaves to escape to freedom.

Davis is developing the telepic with Amblin TV and writer Kirk Ellis, who helped write the HBO John Adams miniseries, and Entourage executive producer Doug Ellin, Variety reports. AFP

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REVIEW

Range Rover has compact crossover covered

Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

The world domination of SUVs and crossovers has progressed through their unstoppable combination of AWD powertrains for all-weather and off-road prowess, a commanding tall-in-the-saddle driving experience, and doors and liftgates that open up to big interiors and cargo areas.

Looks are secondary.

Which makes the Range Rover Evoque, first introduced in 2012, so bloody interesting: It's a crossover that trades on its looks.

And it's not just fantastic looking for a crossover. It looks great, period. Our tester was a Dynamic, the Evoque's highest trim level, so was further bolstered in the looks department with 20-inch wheels, and more aggressive bumpers, tailpipes, and grille. It was also rendered in an awesome metallic shade of Orkney Grey. When I drove the beast to Detroit, it actually got a thumbs-up from the U.S. border guard.

The price to be paid for the sloping roofline at the rear, and smallish rear side-glass, is poor rearward visibility, and a rear seating area that is a bit claustrophobic and short on headroom. Evoque is also a "compact" crossover. It's shorter than a Ford Escape. So the cargo area is predictably tight, too.

Up front in the driver's cockpit, however, you are oblivious to such trifling things.

Everything that touches your body is luxurious, and everything in sight is "high style." I particularly like the rotary gear selector that rises slowly up from the console after the vehicle starts — very James Bond-ish — and the way the big infotainment screen is smoothly integrated in the dash. It doesn't look like an add-on as it does in lesser vehicles. The touchscreen itself, however, is a bit slow to respond, which wouldn't be so irritating if you didn't need it for so many regular functions, like changing radio stations and adjusting seat-warmer settings.

Once under the power of its Ford-sourced 2.0-litre turbocharged "four," it's evident Evoque is designed for spirited driving.

Land Rover made sure Evoque was especially light for its size, and the new torque vectoring system, called ActiveDriveline 4WD, means you can attack corners more quickly than you would otherwise. The ride is also quite firm. It gets even firmer with the low-profile tires on this Dynamic model.

Small and agile, the Evoque is effortlessly propelled by its 240-hp engine. The only glitch is a tendency to give you too much power, when you first dip into the throttle.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE

THE BASICS

Type. Five-door, AWD, compact, luxury crossover
Engine (hp). 2.0-litre, inline, turbocharged four-cylinder (240)
Transmissions. Nine-speed automatic
Price. $49,270/$75,525

POINTS

- Lots of Ford-based engineering, as this current-generation Evoque (debuting in 2012) was conceived during the period when Ford owned Land Rover.
- Major mid-cycle update coming for model-year 2016 edition, landing later this year.
- Available in both two-door and four-door body styles.

COOL FEATURES

- New nine-speed automatic transmission added for model-year 2015.
- Optional 360-degree camera and self-parking systems.
- InControl allows some apps to look the same on the touchscreen as they do on your smartphone.

MARKET POSITION

- Evoque's twin is the new Discovery Sport (previously known as Land Rover LR2).
- Lightest and most fuel-efficient Range Rover ever produced.
- As all Range Rovers, Evoque is very capable off-road, and not just a pretty thing.

THE COMPETITION

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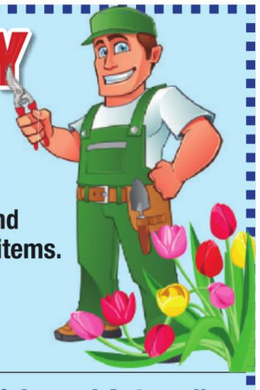

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AUTO NEWS STUDENTS DEVELOP SYSTEM TO PUT BRAKES ON DRUNK DRIVING

The team adjusts a concept model of AlcoStop. AFP

AlcoStop uses sensors in seats, steering wheel

If you've been drinking, you may not get far with AlcoStop, the automotive safety system designed by a group of students at the Institute of Technology of Cintalapa in Mexico. Unlike other devices of its kind, it doesn't require puffing into a breathalyzer device. Instead, sensors inlaid in the seat, shift lever and steering wheel — all capable of detecting the blood alcohol level of the person holding it — will disable the car if required. The system includes a GPS tracking unit that allows for real-time monitoring of the car's location should the would-be driver be too confused to explain where he or she is. In case the car is disabled, an accompanying application alerts family or friends to go and pick up the driver. AFP

The new Lincoln Continental seats. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

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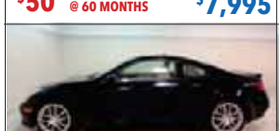
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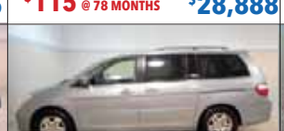
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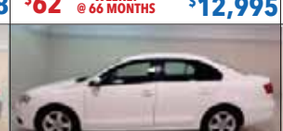
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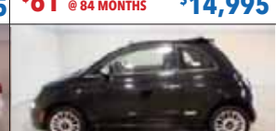
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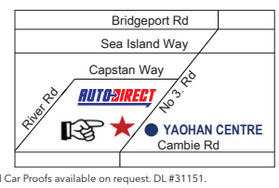

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Lincoln crafts new ways to sit

DESIGN

Seats in new sedan to be adjustable 30 ways

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Is it possible to have too many choices? Lincoln doesn't think so, at least when it comes to seats: Those in its upcoming new Continental luxury sedan will be adjustable 30 different ways.

"We didn't set out to make 30 ways and say that's what it needed," says Scott Tobin, director of Lincoln product development. "But we started with an anthropometric study, and saw what support is needed to reduce fatigue while driving, and encourage circulation and comfort."

A lot goes into developing any new seat, primarily because so much is required of it. It has to fit a wide variety of body shapes and heights; it has to be comfortable, but not so squishy that it isn't supportive; it may have to accommodate electric adjustment motors and heating elements, if the car is so equipped; and it has to meet federally mandated standards for occupant safety in a crash. And on top of all of that, automakers have to try to make it as light as possible, because extra weight will affect fuel economy.

The Continental will be Lincoln's most luxurious model, and while the company has only shown a concept version so far, the seats are expected to stay virtually the same in the production model. The designers started with a metal frame and foam as with most seats, but the foam in this one is supported by a layer of polymer plastic.

"These have a different, more revolutionary support system that can flex with your body," Tobin says. "They're almost like a leaf spring, and they support the foam that supports the body. It's about keeping the lower back stable and solid, and then you can adjust for the upper back."

Bolsters on the sides of the seat help to keep the occupants in place, but unlike the solid foam bolsters that other manufacturers use, this Lincoln uses air-filled ones. They deflate when the door is opened, making it easier to slide in and out of the seat, but then pump back up again to provide support.

Perhaps the seat's most important innovation is its thigh support. Many vehicles have these, which slide forward or lift up from the seat to support the back of the knee, but Lincoln's are unique in that the support is split in half, and each side can be individually adjusted. The driver's legs are always at different positions, since one leg must work the throttle and brake, and these individual supports can handle any angle.

"We all naturally splay (our legs) when we sit, and the knee falls out," Tobin says. "You have to think about that. We're all different heights, and these cushion lengths need to be different because (otherwise) you can tweak your back after all day in the car."

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Games to tout fuel-cell cars

ENERGY

Japan pushing hydrogen tech

Japan will leverage its hosting of the 2020 Summer Olympics to promote hydrogen fuel-cell cars, which convert hydrogen to electricity for propulsion. Tokyo will spend $385 million on fuel-cell subsidies and hydrogen fuelling stations ahead of the Games to advance the use of hydrogen as an energy source, reported Green Car Reports. Japan's capital city will get 35 hydrogen fuelling stations ahead of the Olympics, and is negotiating with Honda and Toyota to get 6,000 hydrogen cars on its roads by then. For instance, the Toyota Mirai hydrogen car (left) has just gone into production in Japan. More than 80 per cent of the cost of the stations will be provided by the city; Tokyo-area residents are eligible for up to $8,500 in subsidies for fuel-cell cars on top of the $17,000 offered by the government.

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Is less more for VW e-Golf?

Volkswagen has produced a less expensive trim level for its e-Golf electric car in the U.S., bringing its suggested retail price down by almost $2,000, to $34,270. The new e-Golf Limited Edition's plug-in electric drivetrain is identical to the one in the more generously equipped SEL Premium edition at $36,265. The e-Golf uses a 24.2-kilowatt-hour lithium-ion battery that powers a 115-horsepower electric motor.

SALES

CNG pickup purchases expected to ... pick up

Fiat Chrysler will expand the availability of compressed natural gas for its Ram pickup, Automotive News reported. The CNG-fuelled truck, available to fleet operators only as a four-door crew cab, four-wheel-drive long-bed model, will this fall be offered in a regular-cab two-door body style with two-wheel drive and a long bed. The new Ram CNG should boost sales to fleet buyers looking for a smaller, less expensive CNG truck.

HYBRIDS

Mercedes-Benz shows V-ision

Mercedes-Benz has unveiled a new minivan that emerging-technology magazine Gizmag says might be the future of hybrid drive technology. The Concept V-ision E plug-in hybrid uses technology to deliver "tremendously robust" propulsion. Its four-cylinder gasoline engine and electric motor deliver 333 horsepower and 442 pound-feet of torque.

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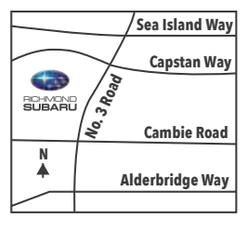

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Peyton Manning says he feels good and doesn't see 2015 as a farewell tour

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Rockets knock out Mavs

James Harden scored 28 points, Terrence Jones had 10 of his 15 in the fourth quarter, and the Houston Rockets beat the Dallas Mavericks 103-94 on Tuesday night for their first playoff series victory since 2009.

Houston won the Western Conference series 4-1 to advance to face the winner of the Clippers-Spurs series in the second round.

TUESDAY In Houston

103	94
ROCKETS	MAVERICKS

The Rockets bounced back from a lacklustre performance in a 121-109 loss in Game 4 to head to the West semifinals for the first time since Yao Ming starred for Houston.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 19 rebounds to help the Rockets dominate inside and Josh Smith scored 20 points. The Mavericks couldn't get going from long-range, going just 5-for-26 on three-pointers.

Monta Ellis led Dallas with 25 points and Dirk Nowitzki added 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Receivers licking their chops

CFL

Lions' Taylor says defenders will be exploited under new rule

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Bring up the new CFL rules, approved by the league's board of governors earlier this month, and there is one that especially catches the attention of B.C. Lions slot back Courtney Taylor.

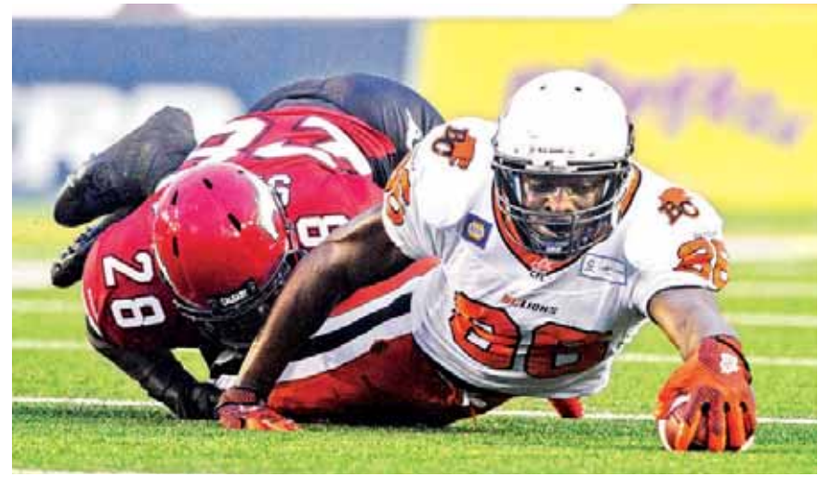
Defensive players can still make contact with a receiver within five yards of the line of scrimmage, but no longer can a defender or receiver initiate contact that "impedes or redirects" the other player after that five-yard threshold, as per CFL.ca.

The latter part of the rule has Taylor, two years removed from a breakout season of 774 receiving yards and five touchdowns, licking his chops.

"You can't touch me after five yards right now," said Taylor on Tuesday, after the second day of Lions mini camp in Cloverdale.

"And I think that's going to be a problem."

A problem?



Lions slot back Courtney Taylor, who prides himself on being a strong route runner, believes he will find himself open more this season with a new rule in place to limit contact.
DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Yes, says Taylor, for defensive backs.

"I think it does play in favour of receivers. But I think they kind of combat that rule, saying we (receivers) can't drop our shoulders into them after five yards," he said.

"I like to pride myself as a route runner. Now you can't touch me, I really can be a true route runner in this game. So I'm excited.

"I have to be physical within the first five yards and then after that, now it's football. Now it's about your speed. It's about your technique and that's what it comes to."

Taking away contact after five yards isn't just held to defensive players. The rule goes both ways, too.

Slotback Shawn Gore said players on both the defensive and offensive sides had gotten so used to the grappling — not just hand fighting, but pulling, holding and pushing — when the ball was in the air, but the new rule change will force players to tone that down.

"This kind of boxing match that we've been doing seems like it might be ending," said Gore.

Receivers weren't 100 per cent innocent, either.

"There's routes we're running when we put our shoulders and our heads into guys to get some separation," he said. "We can't probably do that any more."

ON THE MEND

Lulay continues to progress

Quarterback Travis Lulay, who has had the last three seasons disrupted with injuries to his throwing shoulder, continued to throw on the second day of mini camp.

Travis Lulay
GETTY IMAGES

With training camp beginning at the end of next month in Kamloops, coach Jeff Tedford said Lulay continues to make progress.

"I'm pleased and encouraged by what I was able to do today," Lulay told reporters.

"Just on a personal level, I felt like I threw the ball better (Tuesday) than I did (Monday)."

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RECIPE Mushroom Barley Burgers

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Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 36 minutes
Serving size: 4

Ingredients

Burgers
- 2 cups vegetable stock (or water)
- 1/2 cup pearl barley
- 4 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced carrots
- 2 cups diced mushrooms (any variety)
- 3/4 cup seasoned dry breadcrumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tsp hot chili sauce or to taste
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- pinch of salt and pepper

Tahini sauce
- 1 Tbsp tahini (sesame seed paste)
- 1 Tbsp light mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup low-fat plain yogurt
- 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro

Directions

1. Bring the stock and barley to a boil, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Drain and set aside.

2. Meanwhile heat a large, nonstick skillet and add 2 tsp of the oil and the onion and sauté for 3 minutes. Add the carrots and sauté for 3 minutes. Add the mushrooms and sauté for 8 minutes or until the vegetables are tender and no liquid remains.

3. Add the barley and vegetable mixture to the bowl of a food processor. Add the breadcrumbs, egg, garlic, chili sauce, cilantro, soy sauce and salt and pepper. Process just until still slightly coarse. Form the mixture into 4 burgers.

4. Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray and the remaining oil, then cook burgers for 3 minutes per side.

5. To make the sauce, whisk the tahini, mayonnaise, yogurt, garlic, soy sauce and cilantro together in a small bowl and serve with the burgers.

Nutrition information per serving
- Calories 322
- Protein 10 g
- Carbohydrates 46 g
- Fibre 6.5 g
- Total fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 1.8 g
- Cholesterol 55 mg
- Sodium 490 mg

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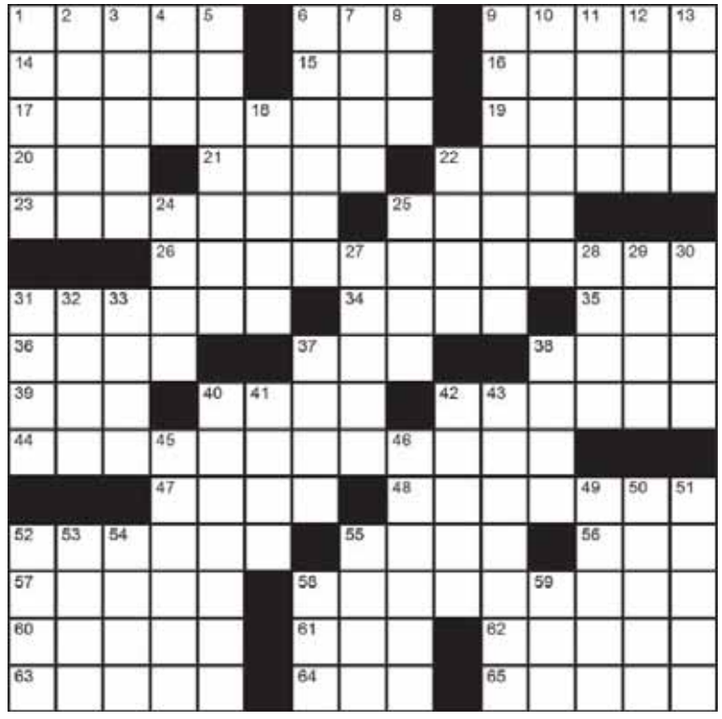

ACROSS
1. "Who made this mess?" response: 2 wds.
6. Jimmy
9. Sandwich sorts
14. Pungent
15. Ms. Michele
16. Spooky
17. Cape Breton community famed for its hooked rug artistry
19. Heroic poems
20. Charlemagne's domain [acronym]
21. Not that
22. Lauds
23. __ headache
25. Foe of the Allies in WWII
26. 'The __ __ Province' (Nickname for Manitoba because of its early shape and small size)
31. Bring into harmony
34. Light fog
35. Toronto Maple Leafs centre Mr. Komarov
36. Mr. Penn
37. German article
38. Scottish family
39. Apiece
40. Big bits
42. Keenness
44. Smouldering stretch seen from Franklin Bay in the Northwest Territories: 2 wds.
47. Mr. Andreoff, LA Kings player born in Pickering, ON
48. Cinderella's is glass
52. Non-printed fabrics
55. Blackthorn fruit
56. Leandro's beloved
57. Awry
58. Canadian singer of current tune "Sound of Your Heart": 2 wds.
60. Brief movie role
61. Particle
62. Uptight
63. Bouillon/soup mix brand
64. Curtains holder
65. British singer Leo

DOWN
1. Night: German
2. Earthy pigment
3. Wooden
4. "Good Will Hunting" (1997) univ.
5. Version
6. Grievance
7. Sleep stages, commonly
8. Sharp bark
9. Arcade Fire song that goes "They walk in the room / And stare right through you...": 2 wds.
10. Meal
11. Seed covering
12. Ancient Scot
13. Meeting [abbr.]
18. Selected
22. Married-no-mores
24. Twirled
25. Opposin'
27. "Witness" (1985) folk
28. Josh Groban/Kelly Clarkson duet: "__ _ Ask of You"
29. Vegan's no-no
30. Baby horse
31. Some snakes
32. Abound
33. Tropical tuber
37. Irritable
38. Crescent moon point
40. 'City of Roses' in Ontario
41. Conjunctions
42. Permit
43. Entrepreneur's customers
45. Sandwich roll
46. Cape Breton __
49. Spring flower
50. Jagged
51. "Today" weatherman Al
52. Large bag
53. Sultanate of the Arabian Peninsula
54. Celeb's ride
55. "Begone!"
58. Aristocratic title
59. "Isn't __ _ bit like..." - Beatles, "Nowhere Man"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Opportunities to better yourself won't be hard to find over the next few days, so stay alert and be ready to act when you get the chance. Nothing is impossible if you want it enough.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Let your mind roam where it will over the next 24 hours. Give yourself permission to dream. The dreams you have may seem far-fetched to some but chances are it won't be long before they are no longer dreams but realities.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You may not be happy with some of the changes taking place at the moment but your instincts tell you that you will benefit from them in some way, so keep your doubts to yourself and don't make waves.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You don't lack for ideas or the confidence to use them but you should nevertheless keep them to yourself for a bit. The planets warn this is not a good time to share what you know.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If your everyday routine has become a bit too predictable now is the time to do something about it. There will be some serious upheavals in the working pattern of your life over the next few days. Take full advantage of them.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Is it really possible that so many good things are happening and that so much is going your way at the moment? Yes, of course it is, and they will continue to go your way so long as you believe that you deserve it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Relationships of all kinds are under favourable stars right now, so even if there have been a few harsh words of late you can, if you wish, patch things up and be friends again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do something special over the next 24 hours, something that those who see it never forget. That might not be as easy as it sounds, seeing as you have done so many special things in the past, but you'll think of something!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will work extremely hard today and for the rest of the week, not for cash or fame but because you want to prove that a goal you set yourself a while back is possible to reach. If you gain in other ways too – that's a bonus.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The cosmic powers that be are very much on your side at the moment. What does that mean in practical terms? It means you can and you should do something memorable.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your thoughts may be mainly on your work at the moment but you must not neglect matters closer to home. Cosmic activity in the domestic area of your chart means you must make time for those you love.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Travel and social activities are under excellent stars right now, so don't sit at home thinking about what amazing things might be going on some place else – find out for yourself.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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